



Historic Yorktown announces events as part of the Williamsburg Harvest Celebration

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Join us in historic Yorktown as we celebrate the second annual Williamsburg Harvest Celebration (WHC) November 4-13, featuring over 30 culinary inspired events hosted in Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown highlighting Virginia chefs, farmers, foragers, authors, and beverage professionals.

Events in historic Yorktown will be hosted by Riverwalk Restaurant, Water Street Grille, and Umi Sushi as well as Yorktown Market Days. You won't want to miss the Oyster Roast in the Freight Shed on Sunday, November 13, overlooking the York River, sponsored by Distinction Magazine. Yorktown Market Days will feature chef demonstrations with guest Chef Walter Staib on Saturday, November 12, in the Freight Shed.

Event tickets may be purchased at www.williamsburgharvestcelebration.com or by calling (800) 368-6511.

Harvest Brunch Buffet at Riverwalk Restaurant - Sunday, November 6, 2016 (11 a.m. and 1 p.m.). As part of the Williamsburg Harvest Celebration, Riverwalk Restaurant has Chef Brian Hines at the helm creating a savory menu using fresh, local seafood, natural meats, and utilizing local farmers' produce to create fresh, delicious dishes. With its view overlooking the York River, Riverwalk Restaurant is a great place to spend your Sunday. Enjoy a stroll along the waterfront after you dine. Two seatings: 11am and 1pm.

Craft Beer Dinner at the Water Street Grille in Yorktown - Tuesday, November 8, 2016 (6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.). Water Street Grille, an intimate place big on flavor and personality and a Yorktown must-do, is offering 20 micro brews and a delicious tapas menu. As part of the Williamsburg Harvest Celebration, your evening will feature a four course tapas menu prepared by the culinary team paired with brews from a guest Virginia Brewery.

Yorktown Tapas Crawl - Thursday, November 10, 2016 (6 - 8:30 p.m.). The quaint town of Yorktown is known for its water view restaurants on the scenic York River, featuring innovative and sophisticated cuisine served in relaxed, unpretentious settings. Join us for "A Taste of Riverwalk," a dining tour of three of Yorktown's finest. You'll begin with Water Street Grille featuring its delicious tapas menu, followed by Riverwalk Restaurant featuring Chef Brian Hines. The crawl concludes at the recently opened Umi Sushi where you can sample fresh sushi and sake as you enjoy the intimate setting that includes outdoor space. Each restaurant will feature a small plate selection and drink offering and are all within walking distance of each other along the Yorktown waterfront. Tickets are limited! Crawl in no particular order from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Taste of Italy Wine Seminar at the Freight Shed - Friday, November 11, 2016 (3 - 4:30 p.m.).

Wine expert Carol Kolby with Free Run Wine Merchants will take you on a wine tour of Italy. Carol has a passion for wine and for food and wine together. She is a Certified Specialist of Wine as well as a Certified Wine Educator from the Society of Wine Educators and a guide member of the Court of Master Sommeliers. During this seminar, you can sample six wines from various regions while learning about the wine and regions all while overlooking the York River waterfront.

Guest Chef Dinner at Riverwalk Restaurant - Friday, November 11, 2016 (6:30 - 9:30 p.m.)

Located in Riverwalk Landing on the Yorktown waterfront, the restaurant's relaxed dining experience features large windows offering gorgeous views of the York River and a stone fireplace ablaze in the cooler seasons. A guest chef will join Chef Brian Hines and together they will feature the seasonal bounty of the region paired with wines to match.

Yorktown Market Days, featuring guest Chef Walter Staib - Saturday, November 12, 2016 (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.).

The Farmer's & Artisan Market are located in Historic Yorktown in the Riverwalk Landing area. The market will operate with extended hours and offer items unique to the season in addition to the usual array of fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, quality art, entertainment, and more. Two cooking demos highlighting market ingredients will be hosted by celebrity guest chef Walter Staib of City Tavern in Philadelphia. Samples of the prepared items will be offered after each demo. The demos with Chef Walter Staib will be held in the tent located behind the Freight Shed on the waterfront at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Have you seen "A Taste of History," Chef Staib's 10-time Emmy award-winning PBS program? View an episode by clicking www.atasteofhistory.org/show/. Market Days is a free event. The only money you'll spend is on the fabulous items available for purchase. For more information, visit www.yorktownmarketdays.com or call (757) 890-3500.

Oyster Roast at the Freight Shed - Sunday, November 13, 2016 (1 - 4 p.m.). "Distinction" magazine presents an Oyster Roast at the Freight Shed featuring Bluegrass music. Spend your afternoon sipping and sampling in this location right by the water. Featuring oysters from all eight regions in Virginia with the oyster growers manning the stations, you can enjoy fried, roasted and fresh shucked oysters and oyster stew. Additional foods available include Virginia ham biscuits and desserts from the Carrot Tree restaurant. A representative from the Virginia Oyster Trail will discuss the oysters of Virginia as well as the benefits of recycling oyster shells. Available beverages include craft beer, wine from the Colonial Wine Trail, and cider all from Virginia. Preview the newest issue of "Distinction" magazine and meet the people who make the magazine what it is today.

While you're in town, be sure to take in all the sights and sounds of the area. Suggestions include taking a guided **Segway** tour of historic Main Street or renting a bike and riding along the battlefield tour roads, which offer a great way to take in Yorktown's history.

Event parking is available at Riverwalk Landing in the two-level parking terrace. Additional parking is available in Yorktown at York Hall, the County Administration Building and the Courthouse/Finance Building Complex, which are all within two blocks of the waterfront.

For more information on these activities or any other events in Yorktown, visit www.visitryorktown.org.

*Dates, times and activities are subject to change.

Williamsburg Harvest Celebration is a collaborative effort with the City of Williamsburg, James City County, York County, and Williamsburg Winery, produced by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance. For additional event details and to purchase event tickets, please visit www.williamsburgharvestcelebration.com or call 1-800-368-6511 for more information.

